

1. Three Kings came ri - ding from far a - way, Mel - chi - or and Gas - par and Bal - ta - sar

Three Wise Men out of the East were they And they tra - velled by night and they slept by day,

For their guide was a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful star. 8------(Tacit)-----

2. The star was so beau - ti - ful, large and clear, that all the o - ther stars of the sky

Be - came a white mist in the at - mo - sphere and by this they knew that the co - ming was near

of the Prince fore - told in the pro - phe - cy. 8------(Tacit)-----



3. Three cas - kets they bore on their sad - dle - bows, three cas - kets of gold with gol - den keys;



Their robes were of crim - son silk with rows of bells, po - me - gra - nates and fur - be - lows



Their tur - bans like blos - som - ming al - mond trees. 8------(Tacet)-----



4. And so the three Kings rode in - to the West thru the dusk of the night o - ver hill and dell



And some - times they nod - ded with beard on breast, and some - times talk'd as they paused to rest



With the peo - ple they met at some way - side well. 8------(Tacet)-----





5. "Of the child that is born," said Bal - tha - sar, "Good peo - ple, I pray you, tell us the news"



"For we in the East have seen His star, and have rid - den fast and have rid - den far



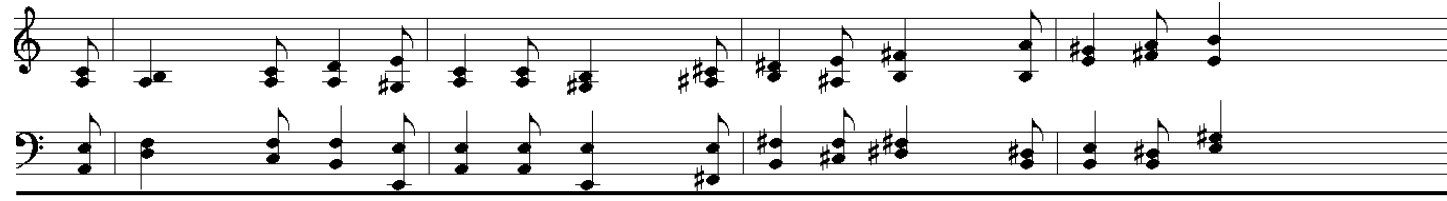
to find and wor - ship the King of the Jews." 8------(Tacit)-----



6. And the peo - ple an-swered, "You ask in vain; we know of no King but Her - od the Great!"



They thought the Wise Men were men in - sane, as they spurred their hor - ses a - cross the plain,



Like ri - ders in haste\_\_, who can\_\_ - not wait 8------(Tacit)-----





7. And when they came to Jer - u - sa - lem, (---) He - rod the Great who had heard this thing,



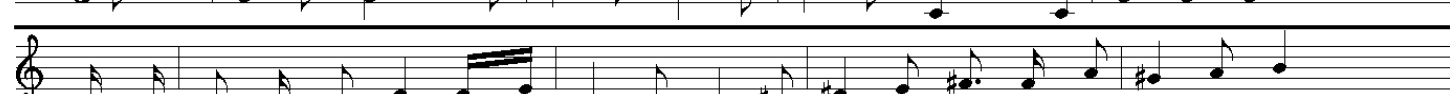
Sent for the Wise Men and ques-tioned them; and said, "Go down un - to Beth - le - hem,



And bring me ti - dings of this new king." 8------(Tacit)-----



8. So they rode a - way and the star stood still, the on - ly one in the grey of morn;



Yes, it stopped it stood still of its own free will, right o - ver Beth - le - hem on the hill,



The ci - ty of Da - vid, where Christ was born. 8------(Tacit)-----



9. And the Three Kings rode thru the gate and the guard, Thru the si - lent street, till their hor - ses turned

The first system of the musical score for 'The Christmas Carol'. It consists of three staves: a vocal line in treble clef, a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and a bass line in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: '9. And the Three Kings rode thru the gate and the guard, Thru the si - lent street, till their hor - ses turned'.

And neighed as they en - tered the great inn yard, but the win - dows were closed and the doors were barred,

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'And neighed as they en - tered the great inn yard, but the win - dows were closed and the doors were barred,'.

And on - ly a light in the sta - ble burned. 8------(Tacit)-----

The third system of the musical score. It concludes the first section with a repeat sign and a fermata. The lyrics are: 'And on - ly a light in the sta - ble burned. 8------(Tacit)-----'.

10. And cra - dled there in the scen - ted hay in the air made sweet by the breath of kine,

The fourth system of the musical score. It begins the second section of the carol. The lyrics are: '10. And cra - dled there in the scen - ted hay in the air made sweet by the breath of kine,'.

The li - ttle child in the man - ger lay, the child that would be King one day,

The fifth system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'The li - ttle child in the man - ger lay, the child that would be King one day,'.

Of a king - dom not hu - man, but di - vine. 8------(Tacit)-----

The sixth system of the musical score. It concludes the second section with a repeat sign and a fermata. The lyrics are: 'Of a king - dom not hu - man, but di - vine. 8------(Tacit)-----'.

11. His mo - ther Ma - ry of Na - za - reth sat watch - ing be - side His place of rest,

(---) Wat - ching the e - ven flow of His breath for the joy of life and the ter - ror of death,

Were min - gled to - ge - ther in her breast. 8------(Tacet)-----

12. They laid their of - fer - ings at his feet: The gold was their tri - bute to a King

The frank - in - cense with its o - dor sweet was for the Priest the Pa - ra - clete,

The myrrh for the bo - dy's bu - ry - ing. 8------(Tacet)-----

13. And the mother wondered and bowed her head, and sat as still as a statue of stone,

Her heart was troubled yet comforted, Remembering what the Angel had said,

Of an endless reign and of David's throne. 8------(Tacit)-----

14. Then the Kings rode out of the city gate with a clatter of hoofs in proud array

But they went not back to Herod the Great for they knew his malice and feared his hate,

And returned to their homes by another way. 8------(Tacit)-----